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Commissioner for Patents
Box DAC
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

Sir:

Petitioner hereby petitions the Commissioner to accept a request for continued examination (RCE) in the above-referenced application later than three months after the mailing of a final Office Action as though no abandonment had ever occurred.

The above-identified application was abandoned on October 3, 2002 by failure to make a timely final Response to the Office Action of July 3, 2002. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to revive the current application on the ground that the

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abandonment of the current application was unintentional. Applicants timely filed an initial Response to the final Office Action on September 27, 2002, and an Advisory Action to this Response was not mailed until January 7, 2003, after the expiration of six months following the July 3, 2002 mailing date of the final Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee required by § 1.137(b)(2) as set forth in § 1.17(m) to Deposit Account No. 50-1290. Any other fees due with this petition may also be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Petitioner is enclosing herewith an RCE submitting the previously submitted Response of September 27, 2002, and a Petition for three-month extension of time. All associated fees may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this petition to the Applicant's undersigned attorney who may be reached directly by telephone at (212) 940-8729.

Respectfully submitted,



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